

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the discussion presented herein.

Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 2, 3, and 5-35 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 4, rendering moot the objection under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant believes all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Notwithstanding the Amendments made and accompanying remarks provided above, Applicants do not acquiesce in the original ground for election with respect to the original form of these claims. The Amendment has been made without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original scope of non-elected or cancelled claims in the future, such as through a continuation or divisional application, for example.

In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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